MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI : നാടാർ ക്രസ്ത്യാനിക ളില്ലാത്ത ചെങ്ങന്നൂർ സ്ഥാപിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ഡിസ്പെൻസറിയിൽ അദ്ദേഹത്തെ സ്ഥലംമാറ്റാമോ?

PRESIDENT: What is this question?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: The member is asking whether Government have any objection to transfer him to Chengannur.

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

MR. KOMILEZHATHU SANKARAN: May I know whether a Nadar is considered as an untouchable?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

Cause of the recent floods in Trivandrum.

54. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any report regarding the cause of the recent floods in Trivandrum and its vicinity from the Public Works Department; and

(*b*) whether there is any scheme or proposal made by the Department for the prevention of floods in the Trivandrum town?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes, the causes are dealt with in the Press note dated the 28th July 1933.

(*b*) In May and June there was abnormally heavy rainfall. In these two months 64·85 inches of rain fell against a yearly average of 66.5. As a consequence of this, the rivers, drainage channels, irrigation channels, canals and water courses were unable to discharge large volumes of water, and breaches of rivers and channel bunds were general. The Killiyar first and the Karamanai river in its lower reaches have been the chief causes of the flooding in the Trivandrum city. The former has to be carefully investigated from above the Maruthankuzhi Dam, where the Kochar Channel takes off, up to its junction with the Karamanai river. The deepening of the bed of the river at some places so as to give a better discharge, and also the investigation of the possibility of demolishing some of the anicuts across the river which flatten out and raise its bed are considered desirable. The widening of the river at particular points to secure more or less uniformity of width with a carefully graded bedfall, is another course which may secure a uniform discharge and prevent backing up. It is proposed to carry out these investigations. Meanwhile the Drainage Engineer will investigate fully the local storm water drainage courses in the town itself.

Manjapara Reserve in the Chirayinkil taluk.

55. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: With regard to the Manjapara Reserve in Pulimat *pakuthi*, Chirayinkil taluk, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the extent of the reserve;

(*b*) whether any land, wet or dry, within the reserve has been assigned to private persons, and, if so, the total area so assigned;

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(*c*) whether any part of the reserve is now found under occupation with improvements, and, if so, the total area so occupied and how old, at an average, are the improvements;

(*d*) whether there was any representation made to the Government or the Dewan emphasising the necessity for throwing open this reserve for assignment; and

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative, what action has been taken in the matter?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*):

(*a*) One sq. mile and 330 acres.

(*b*) There are 14 enclosures within the Reserve consisting of wet and dry lands to the extent of 117·90 acres.

(*c*) No portion of the Reserve is found to be under occupation with improvements.

(*d*) 3 petitions were received for the registry of certain lands from the Reserve.

(*e*) The petitioners were informed that the lands applied for could not be assigned as they formed part of a settled Reserved Forest.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know for what purpose the Manjapara area is kept as a reserve?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI: For grazing of cattle, supply of timber and small materials for the neighbouring parts.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know what kinds of timber and small materials are available in those areas?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI: Different species of timber. Of course, it does not include any Royalties.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know whether the whole Reserve contains at least one tree from which a timber measuring about 36 inches could be felled?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI: It is a matter of opinion.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: I am asking the member whether any tree is available in that Reserve Forest from which we can cut down a log measuring about 36 inches?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI: Such trees may not be available throughout the whole area. From this Reserve, timber of small size can be got for the benefit of the surrounding inhabitants.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know, on what grounds, a part of the Reserve was recommended to be registered?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI: There was some prayer to register a portion which was under occupation and so that had to be registered.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Is it after the area was

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registered and found occupied, that there was a further recommendation to convert it into a Reserve?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI: Before the area was reserved there were occupations which were subsequently admitted by the Settlement Officer. Hence they were registered in 1075.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Am I to understand, in answer to part (c), that no portion of the Reserve is now under occupation by private individuals?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI: With the exception of the 14 enclosures referred to, the rest of the area is under no occupation with improvements.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: So, excluding that am I to understand that there is no occupation now?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI: Yes.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know whether the Conservator has any information about the portions in the Reserve now under occupation and whether they contain very valuable improvements and that applications are pending before the Land Revenue Commissioner for the registry of those places?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI: I am not aware.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know whether the Conservator of Forests will be pleased to enquire about it?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI: Yes.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: If very valuable improvements are found in areas under occupation, will the member be pleased to register those lands?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI: If there are encroachments they cannot be registered. If the improvements are admitted by the Settlement Officer then they will have to be considered.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Apart from the fact that these Reserves are intended for the supply of timber and small materials, has that any other significance? I will explain, Sir. It is an accepted fact that countries should have a minimum area under Reserves, for regulating the rain-fall and for the supply of fuel, etc. Apart from that, may I know whether, this Reserve has any other significance so far as the State is concerned?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI: This is the only Reserve round about the locality for the supply of timber and other small materials. It is true that one-third of the country is reserved and this is necessary for regulating and controlling rain-fall.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know whether this Reserve is not surrounded by other extensive Reserves and extensive puduval lands from where timber and small materials could be very easily got?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI: This is the only exclusive area in the locality reserved exclusively for the supply of such timber and materials for the surrounding agricultural population.

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MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know whether this is not situated on the side of the Main Central Road?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI: No.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know its distance from the Main Central Road?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI: About 4 or 5 miles.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: I want to locate its position? How many furlongs is it from the Vamanapuram bridge of the Main Central Road?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI: About three-fourths of a mile.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Are the surrounding places of the Reserve very thickly inhabited?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI: Yes. That is all the more reason why it should be kept as a Reserve.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Is that the reason why it should not be kept as a pasture ground, but kept as a Reserve in spite of the fact that the surrounding portions are thickly populated?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI: All Reserves in the State are thrown open for the free grazing of Travancore cattle and if the member wants cattle to be grazed here, he is quite at liberty to do so.

Additional dispensaries for the Todupuzha taluk.

56. MR J. JOHN KATTAKAYAM (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what the population of the Todupuzha taluk is;

(*b*) whether there was any previous correspondence on the subject of establishing more dispensaries in this taluk; and

(*c*) if so, why it has not materialised as yet?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Ag. Darbar Physician*):

(*a*) 90,728.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) It was ordered that the opening of new dispensaries might wait until the financial conditions have improved.

[ഉത്തരം മലയാളത്തിൽ വായിച്ചു.]

MR. J. JOHN KATTAKAYAM: ഇതിനു എന്തെങ്കിലും പരിഹാരം വരുത്തണമെന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറു വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ ധനസ്ഥിതിനന്നാകുമ്പോൾ അതിനേപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിക്കാം.

MR. J. JOHN KATTAKAYAM: മറ്റുള്ള താലൂക്കുകളെപ്പോലെയാണോ ഈ താലൂക്കിലെ സ്ഥിതി?

MRS M. POONEN LUKOSE: ഇവിടെ ഡിസ്പെൻസറി ആവശ്യമുണ്ടെന്നാണു അറിവ്.

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